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SUBJ: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REAFFIRMED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS WOULD VISIT LIMA ON APRIL 1 TO TALK TO DR. LUIS BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO, THE MEDIATOR DESIGNATED TO SETTLE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL ALSO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN TO BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO AND ALSO ATTEND THE CEREMONY FORMALLY DESIGNATING HIM AS MEDIATOR. ACCOMPANYING EL SALVADOR'S FOREIGN MINISTER ALVARO E. MARTINEZ WILL BE DR. HECTOR ESCOBAR SERRANO, DR. JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ PORTH, COL. CARLOS EDUARDO CASTILLO AND DR. ARTURO CASTRILLO HIDALGO.

2. ON MARCH 28, FOREIGN MINISTER MARTINEZ ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO WOULD MEET WITH
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HONDURAS' PRESIDENT JUAN MELGAR CASTRO DURING APRIL AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE AND PLACE, TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND OTHER TOPICS. MARTINEZ ALSO STATED THAT BUSTAMANTE

Y RIVERO WOULD BE VISITING EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IN JULY TO GET A FIRSTHAND VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN

THE TWO COUNTRIES. MARTINEZ STATED THAT HE WAS
"OPTIMISTIC THAT A DEFINITE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS
WITH OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WILL BE ARRIVED AT . . .
BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ACTED WITH GREAT INTEREST
AND GOOD FAITH."

3. COMMENT: THESE PUBLICIZED ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFIRM
TIMETABLE FOR STEPS IN BORDER DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED
FOLLOWING LOWER-LEVEL EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS MEETING IN
LIMA JANUARY 17-20, 1978 (SEE SAN SALVADOR 0414).
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